MISCONCEPTION,

There's a bugie sound on the distant plain. These is one of the air in a pasintive strain;

These its tones in the hush of night,
And wake and wonder, with strange felight,
At the bugier bold,
Who, in storm or cold, ure's faucies manifold.

It comes in a faint and tremulous to be. That seems like a wail or a dying moun; Through the shades of night on the westers

It murmurs and moans through, the leafless trees; With a see rowful sigh, As the nights go by,

We pity the piper, you and L. With slipperiess fees am't clad in white With slipportiess fees and clad in wide.

I rise from my couch and into the night
I peer through the windd w, longing to see
Who this piping piper may chance to be.
It is then mails plain
That the weird refrain
Is the wind through a locested window pane.

—Mrs. J. S. Loudell Good Housekeeping.

HARBORING A TRAMP.

It was ever night of a raw, gloomy day, in the autumn of 1886, that a seedy looking tramp turned up to a lonely farmhouse, on the Kennacky size of the Ohio river, and seized for something to est and a place to

A widow, with two children, a son and a daughter, lived there. The son, a young man of twenty-two, had gone to Mayaville with a small drove of cat-

tle, which he expected to dispose of at that place in time to reach home at an early hour in the exening, and he intended to bring the proceeds of the sale with him. The daughter, a rather pretty girl of nine-

teen, was delicate and firmed. In view of these facts, the widow, though somewhat robust, coursesous and sympa-ithetic herself, felt a good deal of hesitation about harboring a strange tramp, not know-ing what such a needy individual might be tempted to do, esten if not already working

out some sinister design. She did not like to refuse him outright, for She did not like to require the exercising proper | light all around them from the bunk eye of the lantern they carried.

Christian charity, and she did not like to the lantern they carried.

To their surprise they found the door of the some wrong to her oblidirensand self.

He was not the worst looking of tramps, that he had a shockethrad and a full beard adface, out of which peoped small, glitter aug-

es, and his dress was obligpoor and sales.

Then both, after another sharp sweep of the light all around them, nobelessly adthe widow, whose name was Chalmers, after she had looked the man carefully over and taken a little time for reflection; "but as for lodging you, I wouldn't like to agree to that

before consulting my son, who mayonet be home till 8 or 9 o'dlock." "How far is it to thome at he used" he asked.
"Which way?" "South."

Nearly two miles." "A-d night just coming on," neturned the Wen't you let me stay till, your see comes home and take my chance with

"I don't know that I ought to of ject to that," was the somewhat reluctant cor sent of

She gave the tramp a good support and per-mitted him to sit by the general fire—she or her daughter, one or both, being constantly Eight o'tdock, 9 o'clock, 10 c#clock came,

and the son and brother had not returned. "Oh, mannes, what can be keeping Cheerge?" at length exclusioned the daugister, in the angious tone of alarm.
"I don't know, Mary, dear," cuswered the

The clock for the twentack time. It suppose he didn't get through with his business as quick as he expected to. Surely he will be hero soon now!"

She got up and went to the door, and her daughter tin idly followed, looking over heronlider.

"What a dirk dreary night!" shuddered this noose over the heads of both.

more alarmed horself than she chose to have, strangled.

appear. "The night da very of be he has to walk hist bosse." the blazing fire.

"To Maysville."

Thank you!" "Ah, hark!" exclairped Mary, just as her mother was turning back to shut the door. for help.
"I think I hear thestread of a horse."

This is

tread of a horse was soon, and the to the came for the time a bedlam of horrors.

"Keep quiet, Mr. Chalmers, you shall not be harmed!" said the training as, still palling at the rope, he pounded the head of the living.

slowly, he proceeded to stable and feed his horse, and then come in

On seeing the trampeted learning why had On seeing the trampend learning way he was there, he felt more imeasiness than he cared to show, furthe had brought home with the true state of the case—that the man to whom they had given shelter had saved-shem whom they had given shelter had saved-shem His decision, however, was prompt and from being robbed, if not murdered.

full of the kindgess of charity. After two or three pointed quadions to the unwelcome stranger, which were satisfactorfly answered, he said:

"Certainly you can slay through the night. any well behaved human being on a night I could not flad it in my beart to turn admift

"Thank you kindly, sir," politely respond-"You will not regret your hose responded: ed the man.

The language and manners of the poor fel-

low indicated a certain degree of relined culsture not in knepling with his present forlorn appearance, and while the young bost ate his supper he held a conversation with him which convinced him of this fact. His first intention was to throw down some

altered with his opinion of the man's ante-ordents, and-so he finally lighted him to a decent bed apsteirs under the roof, and then he and the family retired for the night, occupying two rooms on the ground floor.
While these things were taking place out-

tide of that lenely farmhouse, some things were occurring outside that vitally concerned the parties we have introduced. Two-men met in the road a few rods from

the dwelling. "Hi, Sum!" said ope.

"Ho, Benf" replied the other. Then they came together, and spoke in low,

"Well?" queried Ben.
"All right?" answered Sam. "He's home, and got the money with him. There are seventeen hundred dollars I know about. That I know the brought away with him for sure, and that ought to pay us for the ven-

mre, if we don't get any mera."
"All right, the at When shall we begin?" "I reches between twelve and one will be the best time. Hew been some about long much to get his surner and turn in; and

When Buby was sick, we gave her Castoria, Wusn she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria. after the man, hard day and night he's had of it we must give him a chance to get sound

"Oh, of course! I don't think we'll have much difficulty in finding the money somewhere about his clothes or the apartment, but without the chloroform he might wake up and become troublesome, and then we might have to silence him, and midnight morders are not the most pleasant things to have to provide against."

"They won't bother us, I recken. I don't intend they shall know anything about it till George Chalmers, after coming to himself, goes to look for his pile, by which time we'll be safe enough out of the reach of all."
"Without any blood on our hands?" "That's the way I want it."

"But sooner than be taken or discovered. "Why, you know, Ben, I'd cut every

throat and burn down the house with the bodies in it. Taken or discovered! Heavens! Death sooner than either!" "That's so. It would be a had thing for

us, and a horrifying thing for our families and friends. In any case we must wear our masks. I suppose we're to enter the general sitting room first?" "That's the heat. His room adjoins it on the south. When he fasters his door at all

t is with the key, which he'll likely leave in the lock. I'll turn that with my nippers if he does. FM nose a shelston key if he don't. It's a good night for us—dark, windy and rainy—so that a slight noise won't be heard." The two-evil-plotters got under a shed and waited till the time fixed upon for their burglarious work

There were no shutters to the windowsonly inside ty, stenings.
To enter, ythey decided to cut out a middle

pancyof one of the two family room windows, passion of in through, remove the fastenings, and draw i through the lower half. They but the pane with a diemond near the such, by tin trying to get control of it they

pushed it inward, and it fell into the room with s. sharp crash and jingle. The noise disturbed the sleeping host with-out fully waking him, and he mumbled out, "Want's that?" in a tone that showed he was spirind asleep again by the time the words 'w refairly attored.

Then the two burglars, their faces concealed by block masks, worked their way into the room, each assisting the other, and flushed a light all around them from the bull's eye of

young man's sleeping room partly open in-stead of being shut and looked, and they were disposed to take alarm at it this they beared his steady, heavy breathing.

vanced to the bed of the sleeper-one preness, but both sendy to murder him rather than fail in their purpose,

Just at that critical point of time another

human floure, unseen by them, came silently gliding through the darkness and stealing up behized them. It was the tramp.

In his hand he held a rope with a noose at one end not unlike a lasso.

He stopped so near the two midnight prowlers that he could have touched them. nd possed the hand that held the rope, while every nervo secretly quivered with intense It was a moment big with fate for all con-

A single mistake, the slightest error, might cost his own and other human lives. The robbers, both intent upon their evil design, did not look behind them.

They stopped close to the bed of the sleeping man, one looking over the shoulder of The forward one held a handkerchieff in

one bard saturated with chloroforin, and in

the other hand the langera, whose light he streamed full upon the face of the sleeper. Just as he reached forward to press the handkerchief to the nestrils of their intended victim the second robber, armed with knife and revolver, prepared for deadly assault, brought his head close up to his companions, the better to note the slightest movement—

Mary, as a gust of wind came in, bringing a little rain with it. "Oh, mamma, do you think anythings vibus has happened to him?" "I hope not," resplied her mother, feeling arrangled strangled to the needs around the needs of both and jerked them down—sumpling, floundering, transling—surprised, terrified and almost arrangled. Then, with a vigorous backward spring, he

"The right de very dark, and it may or I'll best out your brains?" cried the tramp, or I'll best out your brains?" cried the tramp, "Where did your son go?" inquired the as he jerked and pulled upon the rope, in or-tramp from his comfortible corner beside der to strangle the soundrels into submis-

The answer was three pistel shots from the "That's a good distrincesoff and othe night man who held the revolver, neither of which is dark and the road none of the best. I hit the tramp, but one of which entered the. don't think you have anysoccasion for alarm. Brain of his companion and ended his wicked work for this world.

The noise roused the sleeper, who started sip in alarm, with loud cries of murder and This in turn set the women to shricking

Her keen cars and made no mistake, the land the late silent and pencetul dwelling be-

and the brief explanation of that he had been continued, "or turn the light of the villains of discussions of dust, and the amount continued," or turn the light of the villains. lantern upon their faces, and see what your tramp has done for you. It took some minutes more to make George

But what was their further amazement

and betrer to discover that the dead burglar and the living burglar were two of their neighbors, with whom they had long been intimate, and whose reputations stood high as well-to-do, upright, honorable men.

When they came to pour out their profuse thanks to the tramp for his courageous and timely interference in their behalf, he quietly

"You have much to thank me for, it is true, because von would cortainly have been robbed, if not mordered, if I had not been under your roof; but you have to thank me for binea different way than you suppose. I'm not here by accident, but design. I'm no tramp, but a detective. I've had my eye on these villains for some time, but needed Shores blankers and rebes, and let him camp proof before arresting them. By chance I down before the fire, but this design was everheard a plot to real George Chainsers on the might he should get paid for his cattle, and I worked out the ren, as you see. This villain, Samuel Jeontoge," modding to the now tightly bound living robber, "must either go to the state preson or the gallows."

"Neither, you miscrable scamp," cried the men, with a long string of blaspheroons eaths.

He never did-for on the day of the coro-ner's inquest on his companion, he was found hanged and dend. The whole anair made a great sensation in

its locality.
On removing his fake hair and beard, the tramp detective was found to be a young and handsome fellow. A warm friendship sprang up between him and George Channers, and shortly after, a still warmer one between him and Mary

Chalmers. It seems enough to merely add that she is now his happy, grateful and loving wife.— Emerson Bennett in Saturday Night

Good Sinkers. Husband-Nora, what are these!

Wife-Dumplings.
Husband - Dumplings, dumplings, eht Well, just put them on a plate for me, and keep them till to-morrow morning. I'm going bass fishing, and I'll use them for

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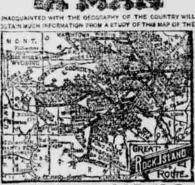
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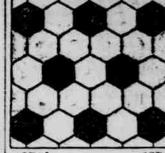
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